

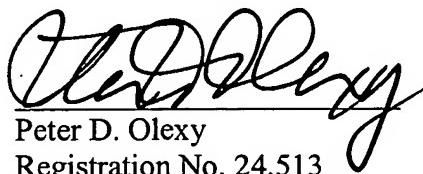
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REMARKS

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-19 and 34-40 drawn to a polymer electrolyte membrane. With respect to the requirement to elect species, they elect species I-1, claims 1-12, drawn to a polymer membrane having a water absorption in a range of 80-300 wt.% based on its dry weight before treatment. Election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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